REPORT THAT BURMAN DROVE MILE IN 26 1-3 SECONDS

And Also That in Practice at Ormond He Lowered the Mark for a bilometer Meial Trials Latter Part of the Week-Big Sums for Road Work.

Jesse Froehlich of the Benz Auto Import Company said yesterday he had received a telegram from E. A. Moross, now managing Bob Burman, who is practising with the Elitzen Benz at Ormond Beach, Fla. Burman is after the world's records for a mile and a kilometer and will go for them the latter part of the week, weather permitting. Mr. Froehlich's wire read that Burman drove a mile, unofficial, in 26 1-5 seconds, faster than Oldfield's world's seconds, faster than Oldfield's world's record, and also drove a kilometer in 16 1-5 seconds, which is almost a second below burman says if he is able to get some kind

of a contrivance that will protect his head against the wind resistance he feels sure he will be able to drive the Blitzen Benz at a rate of 150 miles an hour.

Activity in road making all over the country, for which great sums were ex-pended last year, is summed up in a con-densation of State highway reports given in Good Roads. Some Stares have the work done by separate county commissioners, such as Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana and a few others, but almost all the others do organized building through

New York spent about \$8,000,000 and plans to spend nearer \$9,000,000 in the coming year. New Jersey built at a cost of more than \$825,000, with contracts of about \$670,-000 not yet completed. Repairs and main-tenance amounted to more than \$1,400,000. Pennsylvania spent considerably more than \$1,000,000 on roads, with contracts of \$700,000 and completed. Ohlo had construction and repair bills of nearly \$500,000, with work aggregating \$620,000 still to be finished.

Alaska spent \$260,000, Arizona appropri-

ated \$200,000 for road work, and California, besides completing three out of seven State roads, voted \$18,000,000 for a State highway system. Colorado spent \$1,396,000. Con-mecticut expended more than \$1,900,000

and has extinates for \$1,500,000 more.

Delaware's road making and upkeep came to \$304,000 in the year. The District of Columbia spent just short of \$100,000.

Georgia spent nearly \$3,000,000 on roads. Kansas put out more than \$500,000 on roads.
Kansas put out more than \$420,000 Maryland's expenditures were \$1,477,000. Massachusetts spent \$950,000. Minnesota's road bill was about \$50,000. Missouri showed about \$100,000. North Carolina counties put out about \$500,000. too. Rhode Island spent about \$800,000, too. Rhode Island spent nearly \$400,000

in big figures in its road work. Probably more than \$7,000,000 was spent there last year, with estimates for about \$25,000,000 year, with estimates for about \$25,000,000 in 1911. Utah expended about \$125,000. Vermont gave \$250,000 and Virginia more than \$850,000. Washington spent nearly \$300,000. West Virginia's disbursements were more than \$1,150,000. Wisconsin's total wasn't far from \$2,000,000.

There are many other States besides these from which no coherent figures were obtainable. However, of those which were, it showed that more than \$43,000.000 were paid out by these States mentioned above. It doesn't take much more than figures to show the great and abiding interest there is in road making now, and motorists, whose number is growing every day, have had much to do with this activity.

Some one said, "Evil communications corrupt good manners." Well, bad roads are evil communications and they do more than affect manners. They corrupt good steel and other materials and that is why motorists have been moving for the other kind of roads.

motorists have been moving for the other kind of roads.

The campaign against the smoking cars goes on every morning and Columbus Circle sees its quota of victims each day. An odd case was one vesterday. A man coming across the circle noticed that the two policemen of the health squad had stopped an automobile and were getting information for the summons.

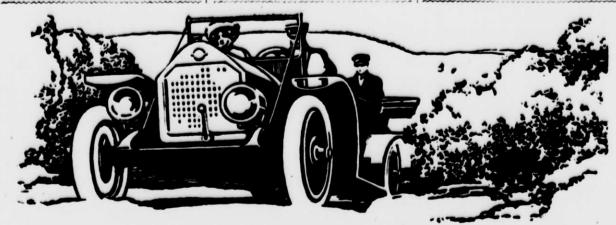
About a block further south the man encountered an acquaintance proudly taking his very first ride in a braid new machine. The car was smoking furiously, and so the pedestrian hailing his more prosperous friend stopped him and called attention to the smo.

A third man, who was driving the machine, said: "Oh, this is a brand new car, just out of the shop! It can't help but smoke, so I guess they won't touch us!" His guess proved to be the reverse of right for a moment later when he started across the Circle the two policemen got him. The pedestrian who wanted to be a good Samaritan watched from afar the proceedings and then shaking his head saidy departed on his way.

Although smoking is very offensive to those who ride and to those who walk, it does seem the least bit odd that no allowance is made for a car that is new. Automobilists of long experience say that some amoking under such conditions is unavoidable, and if that is the case the police oughit to be a little less rigorous. However, probably the policemen don't want to let one man get away on this pretext for fear that seem of the little entry of Herbert Lytic and the Apperson in the 500 mile race on the lite.

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